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SUBJECT: SOVIET AID TO LIBYA

1. IN THE COURSE OF THE MEETING EVENING OF JUNE 8 MINISTER OF COURT ALAM TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT IRAN HAS VERY RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT THE SOVIETS ARE SUPPLYING EIGHT BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF ARMS TO LIBYA. THIS INFORMATION APPARENTLY COMES FROM EGYPT. HE SAID THAT THE SHAH HAS BEEN THINKING SERIOUSLY ABOUT THIS SINCE HE KNOWS THAT LIBYA COULD NOT POSSIBLY MAN AND OPERATE THIS AMOUNT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. THE SHAH WONDERS THEREFORE WHAT THE USSR'S PURPOSES ARE. ARE THESE WEAPONS ULTIMATELY DESTINED FOR OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE AREA, OR ARE THEY BEING PRE-POSITIONED FOR SOVIET USE FOR SOME MILITARY ADVENTURE? THE SHAH WOULD LIKE TO KONW WHETHER OUR INFORMATION AGREES WITH HIS AND WHAT WE MAKE OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. PLEASE ADVISE.
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